



# Overview of Pretrial Services

Pretrial Services Stakeholder Group

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# Pretrial Services in Virginia

- 33 Pretrial Services Agencies
- Serving 100 of the 133 localities in Virginia
- Out of the total appropriations for CCCA/PSA in fiscal year 2017, \$10,122,834 allocated to Pretrial Services

# Pretrial Services in Virginia

Of the 33 Pretrial Services Agencies,

- 3 within regional jails
- 3 within sheriff's offices
- 1 within local police department
- 1 within a non-profit agency
- 1 is with an ASAP agency
- 1 is funded in entirety by the locality
- All but 1 agency provides both local community-based probation services and pretrial services

# History of Pretrial Services in Virginia

## Pretrial Services:

- 1970s
  - Locally driven with federal grant funds
- 1980s
  - Pretrial services authorized and funded in state budget in selected localities
- 1990s
  - Pretrial Services Act passed in 1995 resulting in the expansion of pretrial services
- 2000s
  - Funded as a result of approval of jail projects and needs assessment from Community-Based Corrections Plan
    - Southwest Virginia Regional Jail
    - Central Virginia Regional Jail



# § 19.2-152.2

“It is the purpose of this article to provide more effective protection of society by establishing pretrial services agencies that will **assist judicial officers** in discharging their duties pursuant to Article 1 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Chapter 9 of this title. Such agencies are intended to provide better information and services for use by judicial officers in determining the **risk to public safety and the assurance of appearance ...**”

# Duties & Responsibilities of local pretrial services officers

## § 19.2-152.4:3

### Measure Risk

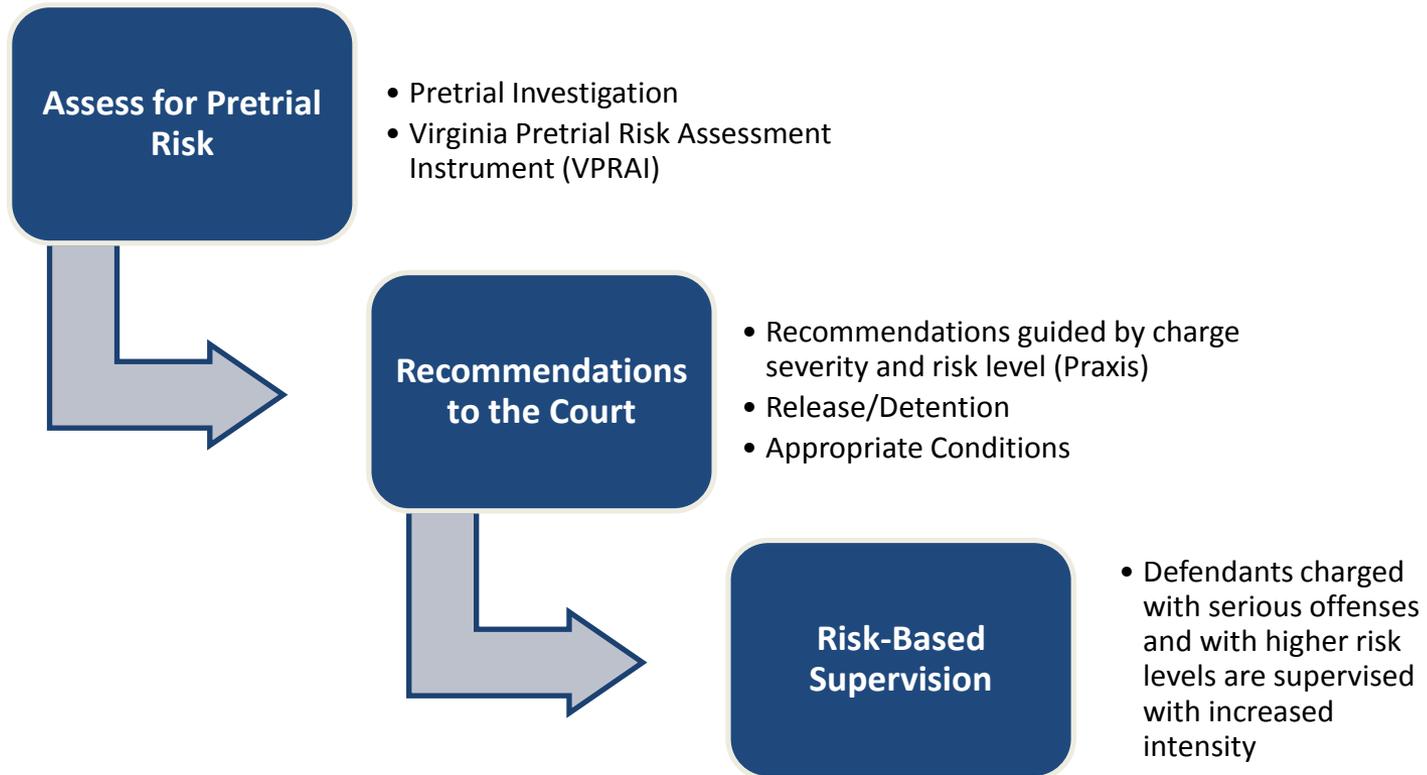
- Present pretrial investigation reports (including pretrial risk assessments) with recommendations to assist courts in discharging their duties related to granting or reconsidering bail

### Manage Risk

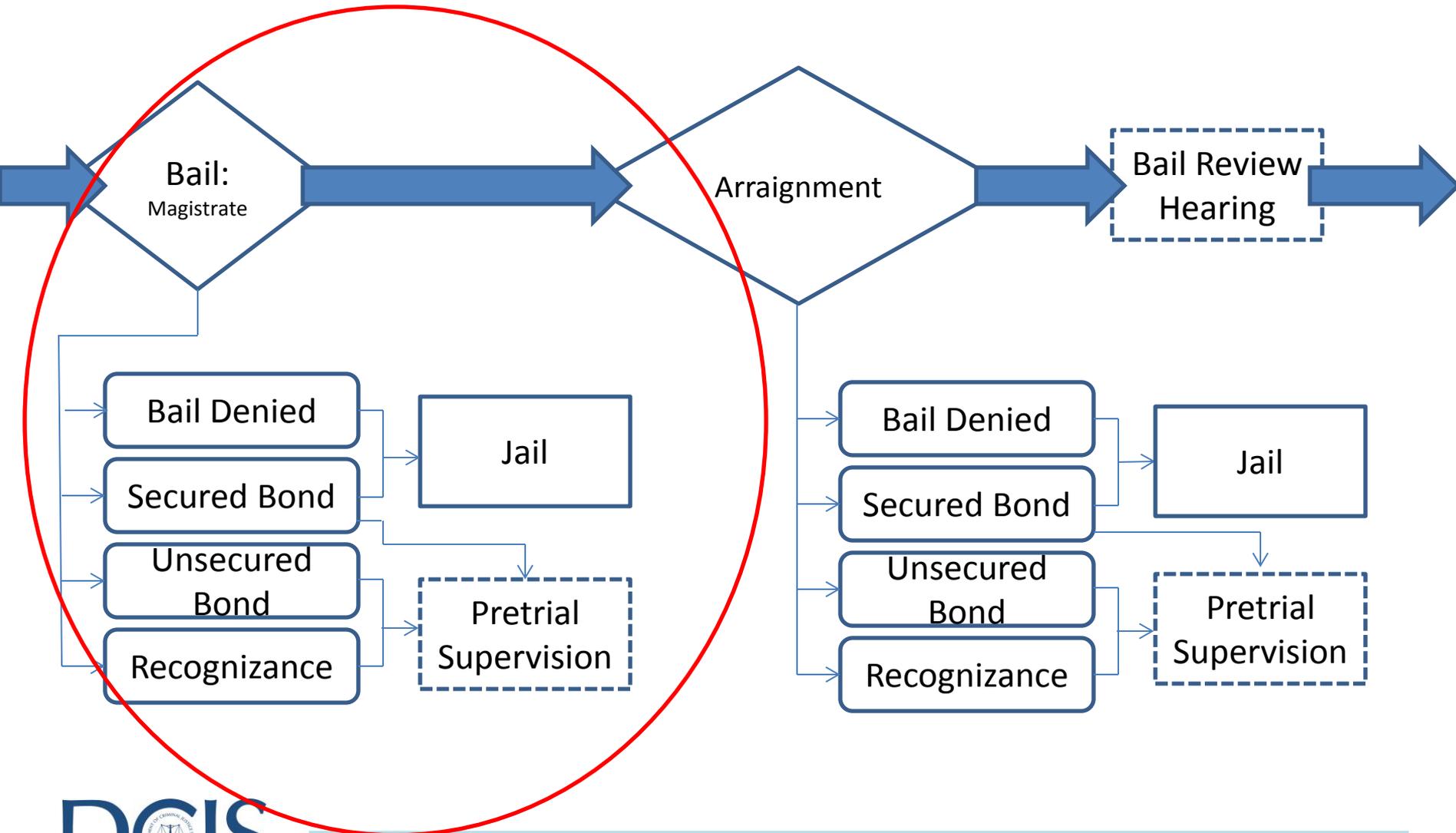
- Supervise and assist all defendants placed on pretrial supervision by any judicial officer to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of bail

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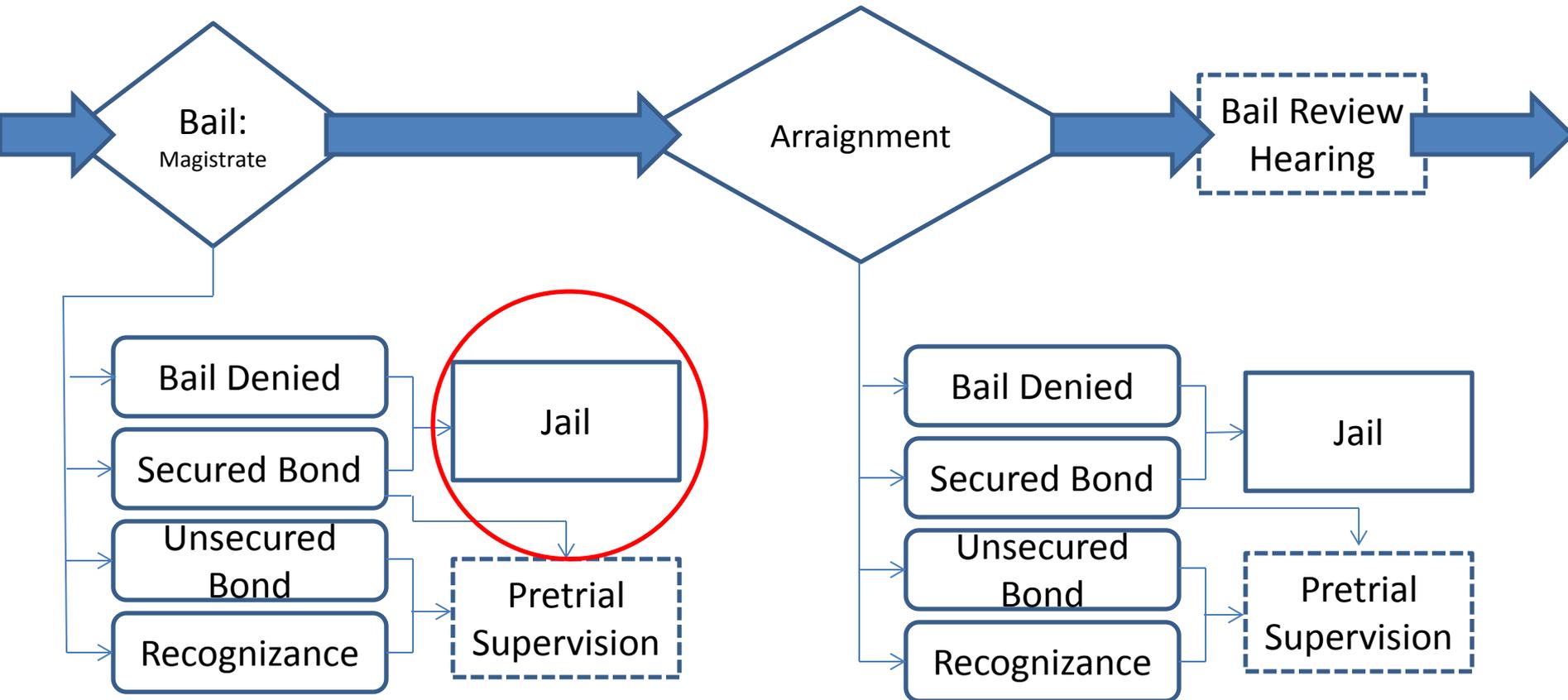
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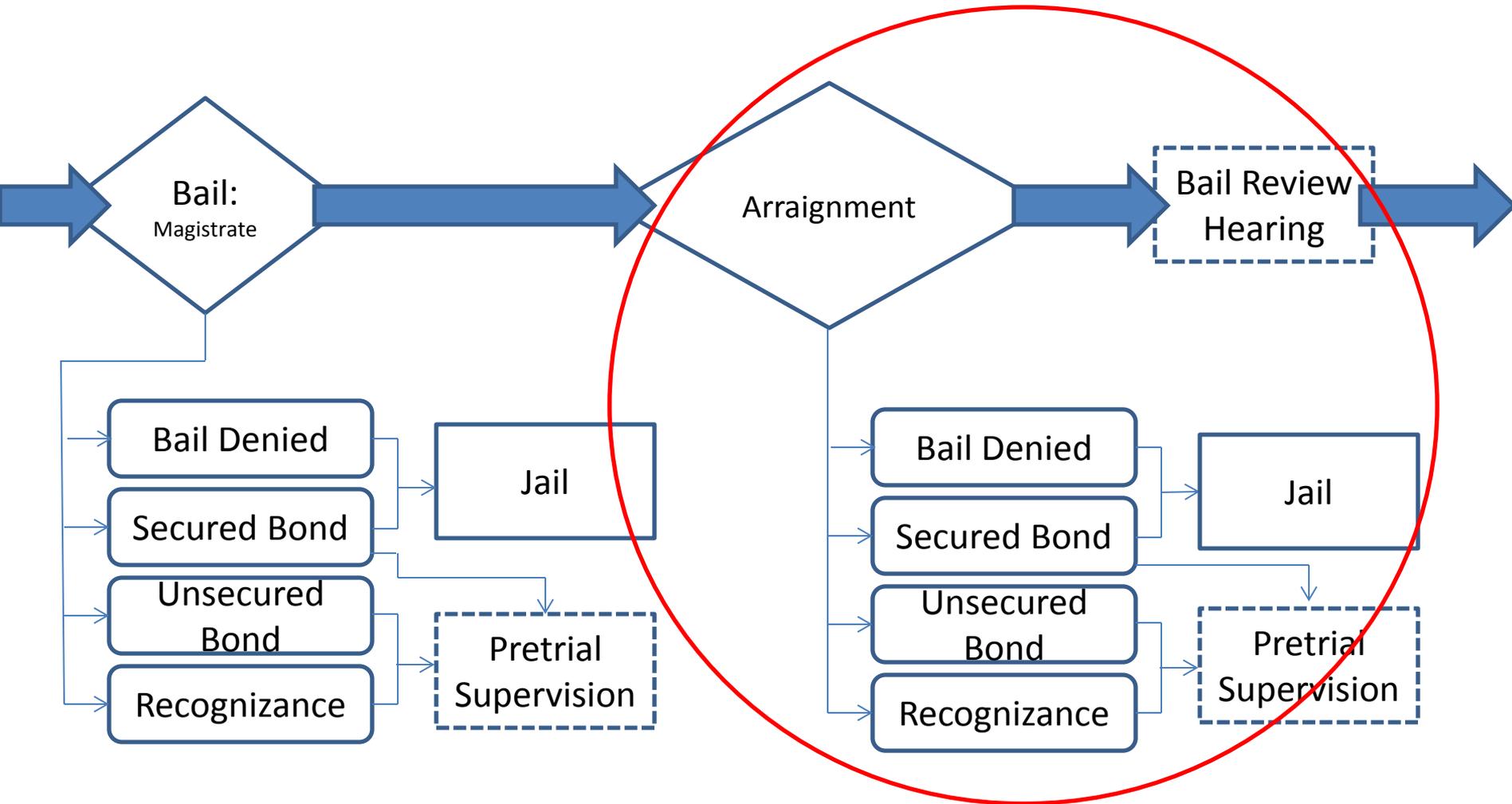
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# § 19.2-152.3

“The Department of Criminal Justice Services **shall develop risk assessment and other instruments** to be used by pretrial services agencies in assisting judicial officers in discharging their duties pursuant to Article 1 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Chapter 9 of this title.”

# History of the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI)

- **1995:** The Pretrial Services Act requires the DCJS to develop a pretrial risk assessment instrument
- **1996 to 1999:** Data collection
- **2002:** Instrument developed
- **2005:** VPRAI implemented
- **2009:** VPRAI validation, implementation, & training
- **2016:** VPRAI-R validation and improvement
- **2017:** Implement VPRAI-R and Praxis
- **Known nationally as the “Virginia Model”**

# Pretrial Risk Assessment

## Purpose of a Pretrial Risk Assessment

1. Guide and improve the process of assessing the probability of failure to appear in court or new arrest
2. Provide additional information that helps to individualize bail decisions and supervision strategies that mitigate risk

# VPRAI-Revised

Risk Factor	Weight
Active community supervision	2
Charge is a felony drug, theft, or fraud	3
Pending charge	2
Criminal history	2
Two or more failure to appear	1
Two or more violent convictions	1
Unemployed at time of arrest	1
History of drug abuse	2
Total possible score	14

# VPRAI-Revised

Risk Level	Score	Total %	Any Failure %
1	0-2	21.8	6.1
2	3-4	22.9	9.8
3	5-6	22.8	14.9
4	7-8	19.5	21.4
5	9-10	10.0	29.3
6	11-14	3	37.1

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